

## ABSTRACT

**KEYWORDS:** Suicide, Ideators, Attempters, Sociodemographic factors, PSLES, Modified scale for severity of suicide intent, Alcohol dependence, suicide intent.

### INTRODUCTION

Over one million people die of suicide worldwide every year. The national average is 11/1 lac population. Chennai tops the list of metros with the highest suicide rate. There is a need to identify factors that push a person from the ideational level to attempting suicide.

### Objectives

To study the socio-demographics, intent and preceding events in people with suicidal ideas compared to suicide attempters.

### Methodology

112 patients, 60 attempters and 52 ideators were chosen for the studying the age group of 18-60 after getting consent. A comparative study of the two groups was done. SPSS software was used for statistical analysis.

### Conclusion

Significant differences were found in the two groups being compared in age, gender, marital status and alcohol dependence. Within each group significant differences were found on comparing the relation between stressful life events experienced by a patient and severity of suicidal ideation and mental illness and suicidal ideation.